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Income of BSNL/MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the current income of BSNL and MTNL respectively and the percentage of increase therein during the last two years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to bring FDI in mobile networking business;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) The details of revenues earned by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) during the last three years and the current year (upto 31.12.2015) and %age increase during the last two years are follows:
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Financial Year BSNL MTNL
Total revenue (in Rs.crores) % Increase Total revenue (in Rs.crores) % Increase
2012-13 27128 - -
2013-14 27996 3.20 3787 1.97
2014-15 28645 2.32 3821 0.90
2015-16 (Upto 31.12.2015) 19111 - 2362 -
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(b) to (d) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) upto 100% is already permitted in manufacturing in the telecom sector. Also, FDI upto 100% with 49% on the automatic route and beyond 49% on the Government route, is also permitted in the telecom services.